

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3082 - SB 3043**

February 15, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Extends for an additional year the amount of time a baccalaureate social worker or master social worker who graduated before 1980 or who graduated from a council on social work accredited program since 1980 may apply for licensure without an examination. Nonclinical social workers who graduated before 1980 or who graduated from a council on social work accredited program since 1980 may apply for licensure for an additional year without meeting the requirements of practicing for at least two years as a licensed master's social worker under the supervision of a licensed advanced practice social worker or licensed clinical social worker and passing the Association of Social Work Board's Advanced Generalist Licensing Exam.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Board of Social Worker Licensure**

Assumptions:

- These licensure standards are currently effective through December 31, 2010.
- Extending the period in which an individual can be grandfathered in until December 31, 2011 will not have a significant fiscal impact on the Board of Social Worker Licensure.
- Any cost incurred for the Board to make necessary changes to forms and applications can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Board with out an increase in licensure fee revenue.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a balance of \$35,371.44. The Board's FY08-09 balance is not yet available.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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